GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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Diversion of Forest Land
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of proposals for diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose in Maharashtra have been cleared by Regional Empowered Committee as well as Ministry since June, 2014;
(b) if so, the details thereof; project-wise and area-wise;
(c) the number of proposals pending till date; and
(d) the time by which these proposals likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) & (b)Since June, 2014 Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change and the Regional Empowered Committee accorded in-principle under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose to 25 proposals received from the Government of Maharashtra. A statement containing details of these proposals is annexed.

(c) & (d)Presently 5 proposals, which are complete in all respect, seeking prior approval of Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land in Maharashtra are pending before the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. In-principle approval to three proposals relating to Durgapur Deep Extension Opencast Coal Mine, Mahasavan to Kashsid Kopur Water Pipeline and Ethane Gas Pipeline with OFC from Dehaj to Nagothane is likely to be issued shortly. Decision on the remaining two proposals pertaining to Mumbai Trans Harbour Project in Raigad and Thane districts and construction of a Multipurpose Port in Alibagh Taluka in Raigarh district is likely to take some more time.

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